

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 378 - HB 398**

February 21, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Increases to a maximum of \$5,000 the fine for the Class A or Class B misdemeanor of assault if the victim is a person officiating any school-sponsored sport or extra-curricular activity involving children in grades six through twelve.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Under current law the maximum fines for assault against a sports official are the fines generally applicable to assault. The current maximum fine for assault against a sports official is \$2,500 for a Class A misdemeanor and \$500 for a Class B misdemeanor.
- Increasing the maximum fine will not result in more jury trials since defendants are constitutionally entitled to a jury trial under the current maximum fines.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue as a result of higher potential fines.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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